

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 6 and 11-25 and 27-29 are pending in the present application.

Objection To The Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because of the recitation of “Arg³⁴GLP-1₍₇₋₃₇₎” at page 6, line 18 of the specification and requested use of “Arg³⁴GLP-1(7-37)”.

In reply, Applicants submit that this objection is rendered moot by the submission of both clean and “marked up” versions of a substitute specification as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.125 (c). The substitute specification simply corrects inadvertent typographical errors that were present in the original specification as filed; namely, “Arg³⁴GLP-1₍₇₋₃₇₎” where it occurred in the specification as filed has been changed to “Arg³⁴GLP-1(7-37)” and “Arg³⁴GLP-1₍₉₋₃₇₎” where it occurred in the specification as filed has been changed to “Arg³⁴GLP-1(9-37)”. The substitute specification therefore includes no new matter.

Objection To The Drawings

The objections to the drawings set forth in the draftperson’s drawing review will be addressed by Applicants upon indication of allowance of the pending claims by the Examiner.

Rejections Of The Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 2,4,6 and 11-29 as under section 112, first paragraph because the specification allegedly did not provide enablement for a method of purification that did not use a buffer in steps (a) and (b).

In reply, while Applicants respectfully disagree with the above rejection, in order to further prosecution Applicants have amended the claims to recite that a buffer is

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required in steps (a) and (b) of the claimed methods. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections Of The Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

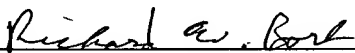
The Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 6 and 11-29 as indefinite because of the term "optionally a salt component and optionally a buffer".

In reply, while Applicants respectfully disagree with the above rejection, in order to further prosecution Applicants have amended independent claims 2, 4 and 21 in accordance with the Examiner's suggested amendment for claim 2 as set forth on pages 10-11 of the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In sum, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early and favorable consideration to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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